

JAMES Be the Grace of God King of Scotland To our Louthie *John Currie m^r Clerk*

Messingerie our Schireffie In that parte conjunctlie and seuerallie specialie constitute Getting foresamekle
as our right traist Cousing James Earl of Mortoun Lord of Salkcith Regent to vs our Realme and Leigie Nobilitie, Estaittie and Lordie of our
prebie Counsaile presentlie convenit, Understanding be the Supplication of the Bischoppie, Superintendentie and Commissionarie of the Diocece Within
our Realme, how greatlie it sall tend to the advancement of the trew Religion and Instruction of the people professing the same within our Realme.
That In everilk parochie kirke thair be a Bible remaining In sic forme as salbe thest expedient be the kirke, and allowit and settfurth be our Auctoritie,
And that thair is gude Characteris and printing frim already within our Realme proper and sufficient for working and imprinting of the said Bible,
And that git the Charge and basard of the work wilbe great & sumptuous, and may not well be performit without euer parochie, asweill to Burgh as
Landwart, advance aforehand the sowme of fyve pundie for the price of the said Bible weill and sufficientlie bunde In paist or tymmer, foure
pundie .i. iii. pennie, and for the Collection the said for Schillingie and aucht pennie. Thairfore our said Regent, Nobilitie, Estaittie, and
Counsaile allowing of the said overture, & willing to extend our Auctoritie to the furtherance thereof, hea ordanit that the said sowme salbe collectit of euer
parochie be the Bischoppie, Superintendentie, and Commissionarie, or sic personie as thay sal appoin to the collection thair of, and the same Inbrogit
and delivrit to Alexander Arbuthnot Burges of Edinburgh the furnissar off the said work betuix and the first day of July next to cum, And
hea commandit thir our Letterie to be direct to that effect. *W^m R^e Will* In heirefore and we charge zow straitlie and commandis that Incontinent
thir our Letterie sene zow pas, And In our Name and Auctoritie command and Charge the principallie and heidismen of euer parochie, allweill to Burgh
as Landwart to contribute & collect the said sowme of fyve pundie within the parochie, & delivir the same to the Bischope, Superintenden or Commissionarie
of the Dioce or sic as salbe appointit be him to ressaue the same within Ten dayes next efter thay be Charged be zow thairto, To the effect the
same may be Inbrogit with Diligence and delivrit to the said Alexander Arbuthnot betuix and the said first day of July Under the pane off
Rebellion and putting of thame to our Horne, And gif thay failz thairin the said Ten dayes being bypast That zow Incontinent thairefter denunce thame
Rebellie, and putt thame to our Horne, And escheit and Inbring al thair movable gudis to our use for thair contempcion, as zow will answer
til we thair repone, & so quhilk to do we committ to zow conjunctly and seuerallie our full power, Be thir our Letterie desyvering thame be zow
dewly execute and Indosat agane to the beare. Given Under our Signet At Halsrudhoue the aucht day of Marche, & of our reigne the aucht zeir. 1575.

per Actum secreti Consilij.